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Whale Bay Zone Opened to Mt. Goat Hunting

(Sitka) – Management biologists are opening the Whale Bay Zone of the Unit 4 registration mountain goat hunt on Baranof Island (RG150). A survey of the area on September 29, 2017 indicated higher goat numbers than previous surveys and that a harvestable surplus of goats is available. The season will open October 7 through December 31, 2017, unless closed earlier by emergency order (EO). Biologists have set a harvest quota of four males or one female. The quota of one female was set to encourage harvest of males and has been a successful strategy, allowing hunters more opportunity and lowering the risk of localized overharvest.

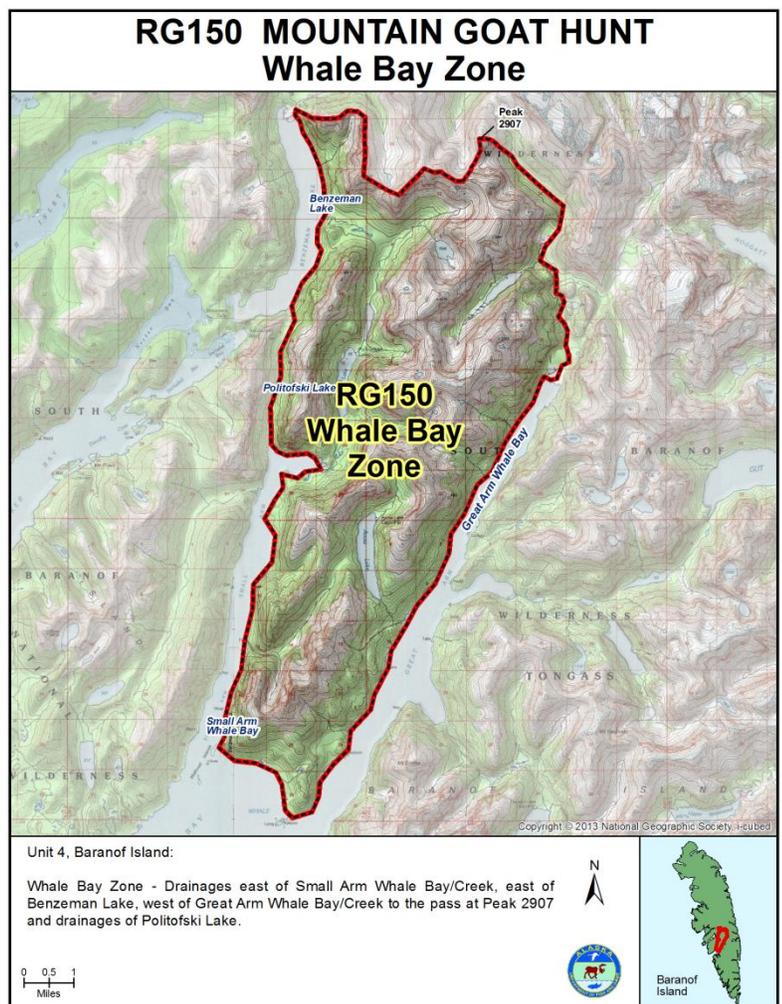
This EO is being issued to allow hunters additional opportunity where new information indicates a harvestable surplus is available.

Emergency Order 01-11-17 was issued to open the mountain goat season in the Whale Bay Zone on Saturday, October 7, 2017 @ 12:01 am.

Previous EO's are listed online at:
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wcnews.main>.

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